(d) to (f) The Academy has informed that as part of its activity a Study Team has been set up comprising the Director General of the Academy and some knowledgeable persons for preparing a package of proposals for improved functioning of the Courts with particular emphasis on the introduction and utilisation of modern court management techniques, in order to speed up disposal of cases at all levels.

National Institute of Unani Medicine

*279. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total cost earmarked for the National Institute of Unani Medicine at Bangalore in Eighth Plan;

(b) the amount spent on setting up the Institute so far;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the project; and

(d) by when the project will become fully functional?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) A total amount of Rs. 5.8 crores has been set aside for the National Institute of Unani Medicine in the Eighth Plan. In the proposed scheme, the Government of Karnataka was to make available land for the Institute. The land was made available in July, 1988 and the actual scheme for setting up the Institute was given approval at the time of creation of the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy, costs of the Institute, both recurring and non-recurring is to be borne between the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 70:30. The foundation stone of the Institute has been laid on 8-11-1995 at Bangalore and adequate funds have also been earmarked for setting up of this Institute.

Steps to Check Manufacture of Inferior Preservatives

*280. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bureau of Indian Standards keeps a check on manufacture of inferior preservatives like Calcium Propionate used for preserving bread;

(b) the number of times the manufacturers of the chemical in Delhi and Haryana were checked during July and August, 1995 and the results thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that 22 school girls in Delhi were hospitalised on 22nd August, 1995 because of bread-poisoning on account of ineffective Calcium Propionate;

(d) if so, the action taken against the guilty officials; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure efficacy of the chemical by the manufacturers of bread before its use?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) As per the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995 Calcium Propionate, a preservative used in bread, can only be sold under the Bureau of Indian Standards (B I S) Certification Mark (I S I mark).

(b) As per information furnished by B. I. S. there is only one unit in Delhi and Haryana holding B. I. S. Certification Marks Licence for Calcium Propionate. An inspection was carried out in this unit on 12th July, 1995 and the sample tested was stated to be satisfactory.

(c) and (d) It is reported by NDMC that in one of their schools, some loaves of fruity bread supplied on 23-8-95 were found to be stale with fungus on them due to which some children had complained of headache and nausea for which they were treated in dispensary. Action on these matters lies with the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.